

BMAA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Zoom, 22nd January 2024, starting at 0900

Tim Burrow (TB)	Chairman (in Adderbury)
Derek Lamb (DL)	Treasurer
Rob Grimwood (RG)	
Simon Heyes (SH)	
Rob Hughes (RH)	CEO (in Adderbury)
Cath Spence (CS)	
John Waite (JW)	

1. Welcome

a. Roll call, apologies, conflicts of interest, confidentiality

RG sent his apologies and later joined at 1200.

2. Agenda approval, additional items

None.

3. Approval of previous minutes (20th November)

SH proposed, CS seconded. Approved unanimously.

a. Matters arising

None.

4. Election of Vice-Chair

CS was proposed to fill the vacancy. Nominated by DL, seconded by SH. Approved unanimously.

5. Action list

See separate list.

6. Reports:

a. Chief Executive Officer

Noted.

b. Treasurer

DL expected that the BMAA would be approximately at break even for the 16-month financial year September 2022 to December 2023, before the exceptional impact of sale of Trek House, Deddington.

Recent income levels were slightly reduced and lower than expected though it was too soon to identify a trend or cause.

Advertising sales were slowly decreasing. CS agreed to meet with Kelly Thacker. DL asked that Karen Judd be considered if deemed suitable.

i. Membership fee increase 2024

DL proposed 4%, subject to confirmation at the March Council meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

c. Chief Technical Officer

Noted. RH reported on a recent meeting of airspace users where RPAS representatives stated there would be a need for an airworthiness body for RPAS. If BMAA were to over-employ the Technical Office, an outlet for the capacity could be to approve RPAS.

d. Chief Inspector (continued airworthiness)

The report was well received. *How could SSDR owners re-permit their aircraft? A cumbersome process, as required by the CAA, though the BMAA offered half price in-house fees as an encouragement.*

e. FTL&SO

Noted. Chloe certainly had settled in and was proving to be an effective and productive consultant.

f. Administration / PR & promotion

RH highlighted the work done by the administration team in backfilling licence applicant data as the process was moved to the database.

g. Events

TB continued to work with Kelly Thacker regarding liaising with clubs/schools and joint efforts at local shows.

i. Young person's day

TB was in collaboration with Kelly Thacker.

h. Activity graphs

A recent slight drop in membership was reflected across General Aviation. RH had already set in a mini-campaign to highlight the importance of BMAA membership, including direct references to www.bmaa.org/join in social media posts.

7. BMAA Awards for 2023

BMAA Industry award

Exodus Aircraft

Brian Cosgrove

Paul Brooker

Keith Negal

Courtney Chambers

Chairman's award

Claire Lomas



Patricia Anne

Sharon Cox

Steve Hunt

Trev Lee and Dave Bromley (each gets a certificate, both certificates have both names)

Young Person

Brendan Digney

Certificates of Thanks

Luke Christophedes

Paul Kiddell

8. Activities

a. Wings – Cath Spence

Activity levels had slowed and an analysis ensued. CS offered to run an evening seminar and invited ideas.

SH stated that new licence holders should be sent information; this was done in the welcome pack that new licence holders received.

TB stated that the inability to use as evidence performances that had taken place several years before was an obstacle to participation.

Should individual courses be advertised rather than the whole package?

Change the criteria to allow pilots to apply directly for higher awards without first having achieved lower ones?

Promote the system as a pilot development opportunity rather than badge collection?

When considering the biennial 1hr flight with an instructor, consider undertaking a Wings course, example: Strip skills.

b. Publications – Derek Lamb

No issues. DL will nominate Geoff Hill for the RAeC Nexus award for 2024

RH stated that eMF was becoming dominated by NMBF.

c. Competitions / Open Series – Tim Burrow

The LOC had met over the weekend at BMAA HQ.

- Tasks agreed
- Ke principles in place, with the aim of publishing 1 month in advance.
- Airfield management is very good.
- CAA overflight exemption costs are unknown.
- Notwithstanding, the budget appeared in order.
- Pre-registration indicated there may be 50 aircraft, maybe 60.

- The event will be NOTAMed for the whole period.
- Open public day but no fly-ins.
- The LOC had received an approach from Flyer magazine – could they be the live media partner?
- The Closing ceremony could be a fly-in, the Opening ceremony could also be considered, but the week of competition would be a closed event.

d. Airspace – Simon Heyes

Two main ACPs were Apian and Caelus. SH was coordinating a response to Edinburgh. The airspace team is still active and putting in time. SH to engage more closely with Tom Hardie, GAA Programme Manager.

9. Round table

CS to liaise with Kelly regarding New Horizons and marketing.

SH: consider co-option onto council? There was a perceived need for a flying school or instructor representative.

Rosie Simpson funeral arrangements.

10. Any other business

a. Flexwing bursary application

The applicant to be contacted and asked to liaise with RG.

The 2024 bursary should be advertised with clear guidelines, deadline dates and other criteria. 5x £1500 maximum bursaries with BMAA contributing £500 if required.

RG knew of two potential new candidates: REDACTED

b. AGM arrangements

The AGM will be held on 4 May 2024 at Popham airfield.

c. Council election 2024

RH to commence the election procedure.

11. Date & time of next meeting

Next meetings:

18 March 2024, Adderbury, 0930

AGM, Saturday 4 May 2024 at 1300

The meeting closed at 1415.